

Parking Committee Recommendations

The following numbered items represent the Parking Committee Recommendations; the Council discussion (in italic) follows each recommendation:

1. Sunset Boulevard: We support the plan developed by the Streetscape Committee for the area between North Shore and Main Street which includes an increase to seventy-one (71) designated parking spaces.

The Council postponed discussing #1 until the March 11, 2011 9:00 am meeting called to discuss the Streetscape Committee Recommendations.

2. No parking would be allowed on side streets 1st-6th and 7th through 15th on the East Side and 27th-40th on the West Side.

The Council reached a consensus to take action on #2.

3. Main Street: Parallel parking allowed on one side of the street (with the direction of traffic) with no more than two contiguous parking spaces at any one location. The parking spaces would be delineated by town engineers and would, obviously, be on the side opposite the planned bike/walk path. Parking on Main Street would be by permit only with Sunset Beach resident taxpayers being able to obtain free permits. All others would have to purchase "WEEKLY" permits for a fee to be determined.

The Council postponed discussing #3 pending further investigation.

4. Parking at the west end of Main Street between 40th Street and the Inlet will continue to be parallel. (8-0)

The Council postponed discussing #4 pending further investigation.

5. North Shore Drive: No parking allowed.

The Council agreed to take action concerning no parking allowed on East North Shore Drive between Cobia Street and the end of East North Shore Drive. The Council postponed discussing parking on East North Shore Drive between 1st – 6th Street, and on West North Shore Drive pending further investigation.

6. Canal Drive: No parking allowed.

The Council agreed to take action concerning no parking on Canal Drive between 6th Street and 13th Street. The Council postponed discussing parking on Canal Drive from 13th Street to the east end of Canal Drive pending further investigation.

7. Marlin, Dolphin, Sailfish, and Cobia: No parking allowed.

The Council postponed discussing #7 pending further investigation.

8. Bay and Inlet: No parking allowed.

The Council reached a consensus to take action on #8.

9. We suggest that the Town lease some number of parking spaces in the commercial area of the island and restrict that to usage by town residents by some form of permit system. If this is not deemed feasible then all of the parking on Sunset Boulevard and at the Gazebo could be made “paid parking” and give town residents “free passes”.

The Council postponed discussing #9 pending further investigation.

10. We recommend that all signage within the right-of-way be either that of Sunset Beach Police Department or NC Department of Transportation (i.e. all unofficial signage in the right-of-way be removed)

The Council reached a consensus to take action on #10.

11. We recommend the town ask the NC DOT to establish twenty-five (25) mile per hour speed limits on Sunset Boulevard and Main Street and that this speed then become uniform throughout the island.

The Council advised that NCDOT will be conducting a study this summer to determine if the speed limit should be decreased to 25 mph on Sunset Boulevard and Main Street.

12. We recommend that the installation of a “round-a-bout” at the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Main Street be given urgent attention.

The Council postponed discussing #12 pending further investigation.

13. We recommend that residents (property owners or renters) be allowed to obtain “one day passes/variances” to the “no parking” rules for special occasions/functions.

The Council postponed discussing #13 pending further investigation.

14. We recommend the development of a form of special use parking permit that will allow island residents/renters temporary parking for overflow needs for nightly or weekly purposes. These permits would also be purchased only on a weekly basis (as for Main Street parking) and no single vehicle could be permitted for more than seven consecutive days/nights. If such permits were not displayed those vehicles would be ticketed.

The Council postponed discussing #14 pending further investigation.

15. We recommend that the town actively pursue reconfiguration of the Gazebo area to add additional parking spaces as per Councilman DeVita’s plan as soon as possible.

The Council postponed discussing #15 pending further investigation.

16. We recommend that the town staff pro-actively pursue a means of obtaining authority to enforce “no parking” regulations on un-improved lots throughout the island. (8-0)

The Council reached a consensus to take action on #16.

COUNCILMAN SHERRILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

- TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON ALL NUMBERED SIDE STREETS ON THE ISLAND; AND,
- TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON EAST NORTH SHORE DRIVE BETWEEN COBIA STREET AND THE END OF NORTH SHORE DRIVE; AND,
- TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON CANAL DRIVE BETWEEN 6TH STREET AND 13TH STREET; AND,
- TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON BAY STREET; AND,
- TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON INLET AVENUE; AND,
- TO REMOVE UNOFFICIAL SIGNAGE FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY AREA ON ALL ISLAND TOWN STREETS; AND,
- TO INSTALL OFFICIAL SIGNAGE AS NEEDED ON ALL ISLAND TOWN STREETS NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS; AND,
- TO NOTIFY ALL VACANT LOT PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE FOR ELIMINATING ILLEGAL PARKING AND ENFORCING THE TOWN ZONING ORDINANCES; AND
- TO DEFER ALL OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.